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SUBJECT POPPY SEED CASE

REF A. TAIPEI 3178 B. STATE 159837 (23 JULY 74)

1. ALLEN SHEN HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN TO AUSTIN FRIED BY KARL H. LANDES, A PH.D. IN BOTANICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY AND AN IMPORTER OF SPICES AND SEEDS, IN WHICH LANDES CLAIMS THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPIUM POPPY SEED AND THE POPPY SEED WHICH IS COMMONLY USED AS A FOOD PRODUCT. THE READILY APPARENT DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE OPIUM POPPY SEED (PAPAVER SOMNIFERIA) PRODUCES A YELLOWISH-WHITE, SLIGHTLY OILY SEED, WHEREAS THE POPPY SEED WHICH IS USED AS A FOOD PRODUCT IS A BLUE-GREY SEED. LANDES CALLS THE LATTER "BLUE POPPY SEED", BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS REFERS TO THE COLOR OF THE SEED, COLOR OF THE FLOWER, OR IS A PROPER NAME. THE SEEDS WHICH SHEN RECEIVED FROM FRIED WERE THE BLUE-GREY VARIETY. IS LANDES' DISTINCTION ACCRUATE? IF SO, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE COURT.

2. PARA 1(A) OF REF B, WHICH WE HAVE QUOTED IN LETTERS TO ROC OFFICIALS, REFERS TO "OPIUM POPPY SEEDS" AS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMONLY USED FOOD IN THE US. IF LANDES' DISTINCTION

BETWEEN "OPIUM POPPY SEEDS" AND "BLUE POPPY SEEDS" IS
ACCURATE, WE BEIEVE WE SHOULD SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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